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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action of Examiner Firmin Backer mailed 7 Dec 2005.

Please amend the above identified application as follows: